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CLOTHING COSTS CONVICTS HOPE NOW AND FIVE YEARS AGO TO IMPROVE LIVING

By the Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 30.—The mother of an 18-year-old New York girl who for several years has kept an account of the cost of her daughter's wardrobe, in a letter to a local newspaper, recently complained about the present prices of clothing, shoes, gloves, hats, etc. Some interesting figures on what it costs to outfit a young woman today as compared with five years ago, are afforded by quotations from a number of averaged priced local shops, as follows:

Shoes 1914—\$5.00 1919—\$12 to \$18.
Stockings (silk) 1914, \$1.25 to \$1.50, 1919, \$3.50 and up.
Underwear, 1914, \$3.50 to \$5.00, 1919, \$10. and up.
Silk bloomers, 1914, \$2.50 a pair, 1919, \$6.50 a pair.
Undervests, 1914, \$1. to \$1.50, 1919, \$3.50 to \$4.00.
Bustiers (silk), 1914, \$4. to \$5., 1919, \$12. to \$15.
Waist (georgette), 1914, \$10. to \$15, 1919, \$25. and up.
Suit (woolen), 1914, \$75. 1919, \$150. and up.

Hat, 1914, \$5., 1919, \$25. and up.
Fur neckpiece, 1914 \$35. to \$50., 1919, \$125. and up.
Muff, 1914, \$9. 1919, \$100. and up.
Gloves, 1914, \$1.50, 1919, \$4. and up.
Total, 1914—\$193.75 to \$217.00. Total, 1919—\$476.00 to \$860.00 and up.
The foregoing applies to what the shopkeepers regard as a "moderate" wardrobe. Serges, formerly the cheapest and most common dress material and which, before the war, could be bought for \$1 to \$1.25 a yard, are now retailing at \$4. to \$5 for the same quality. Velveteens, another popular dress material, could be bought five years ago for \$1 and \$1.25 a yard and now are bringing \$4.50 to \$6.50. The biggest advances, dealers say, have been in cotton and wool and not so much in silk. Babies' buskins shoes which normally sold at \$3.50 are now priced at \$7 to \$9 a pair.

Many women of means, the retailers say, are paying as much as \$25 and up for a pair of silk stockings but these are beaded with pearls and are decorated with fine hand embroidery. The public demand for furs, in spite of the advance of 50 to 75 per cent since Spring dealers say, is fifty per cent greater this winter than last season. Fur coats costing many thousands of dollars are more in evidence than ever before in New York.

An artist for a New York fashion paper recently sketched a coat, suit and dress at a local factory, the combined wholesale price of which was \$975. The coat, a coarse wool fabric, was marked \$375, the georgette dress at \$275 and the suit at \$325. Here were three garments which, sold at retail, would cost the buyer at \$1,500, it was said. Such instances in Fifth avenue shops of how the high cost of living has hit the rich are by no means rare. One window displays a rose white blouse for \$3,500.

"Untold millions are being invested in furs this year by American women," said J. W. Argenbright, a Brooklyn importer, "and the demand is less exclusive and more widespread than ever before, showing that prosperity is general. Coats costing from \$50,000 to \$85,000 are uncommon but they are being bought."

"America is not only importing the finest Russian furs but is producing the best specimens of the black and silver fox, mink, seal, otter, beaver, fisher, wolverine, bear, lynx, badger, skunk, raccoon and muskrat. All these and many others, in hundreds of varieties, from the richest and costliest to the moderately priced are domestic products."

Reports that wealthy Americans had representatives abroad buying up so-called "royal" furs were dismissed as nonsensical by Mr. Argenbright. For 75 years, he said, there had been no such thing as "crown" furs. Ermine also is less popular than ever in the history of the trade.

"It is an old and mistaken idea," he said, "that the finest Russian furs are not shipped out of the country, these skins being supposed to be the former Crown Russian furs. In former years, when Russian furs were not so expensive, natives in the interior used to pay their taxes with furs. In those days the entire fur collecting had not penetrated the wilds of the Siberian forests. It was the custom of the trappers to dispose of their season's catch to the Russian government but since furs have become so much in demand and the prices are so high, the natives have found they can do much better selling directly to the collectors who come from all parts of America and Europe."

THESE ALSO DRANK SOME BAD ALCOHOL

By the Associated Press.
Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 30.—Two deaths from wood alcohol poisoning were reported here today.

By the Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 30.—A nation-wide campaign to "humanize" the prisons of the United States has been undertaken by the Gray Brotherhood, an organization of reformed ex-convicts, according to a former inmate of Sing Sing who served 10 years behind gray stone walls. Another object of the campaign is to counteract anarchy for he said "of the 500,000 convicts, men and women, who annually emerge from American prisons fully 90 per cent are potential Bolsheviks."

This man, a product of New York slums, who not only redeemed his own life but saved two younger brothers from criminal careers, all as the result of the Mutual Welfare work at Sing Sing of which the Gray Brotherhood movement is an offshoot, declared that American penal institutions are being surreptitiously flooded with radical literature, with leaflets of "hope to the oppressed" and that the secret movement to Bolshevize the nation's prisons is being combatted from the inside.

He said that supported by the efforts of 18,000 members of this Gray Brotherhood, its unnamed leaders known as the Gray Brothers hopes to make prison reform a plank in the platform of one of the big political parties in the next presidential campaign. He is reputed to be a man of great influence in Washington and to be the intimate of several senators. The former Sing Sing inmate said that the Gray Brother was back of a prospective investigation of Joliet, Illinois, prison, intend to be the first of the Brotherhood's national prison reform program.

"If the Gray Brothers should come in here now and tell me to jump out of that window," (a four story leap) "I'd do it at once," confided the former inmate of Sing Sing. "We all would trust him with our lives, and believe me, this prison investigation backed by him is going to be a thorough job. The people outside haven't any idea of how Bolshevism is spreading in the prisons. A few days ago four Reds, it was discovered by our men, actually had themselves convicted so they could work behind the bars."

"The Reds have their literature in the public libraries, some teachers in the public schools are 'sympathetic' and for some time they have been distributing their doctrines in prisons, jails and workhouses to win over to their side the army of discontented malefactors who have an alleged grievance against society. The Gray Brotherhood is alive to their propaganda, however, and hopes to abolish it. One of the best ways to stop it is to treat convicts like human beings instead of beasts and give them a chance to redeem themselves. The state is breeding anarchists by turning at large men and women who have been brutally treated and who leave prison with hearts filled with the desire for retaliation and revenge."

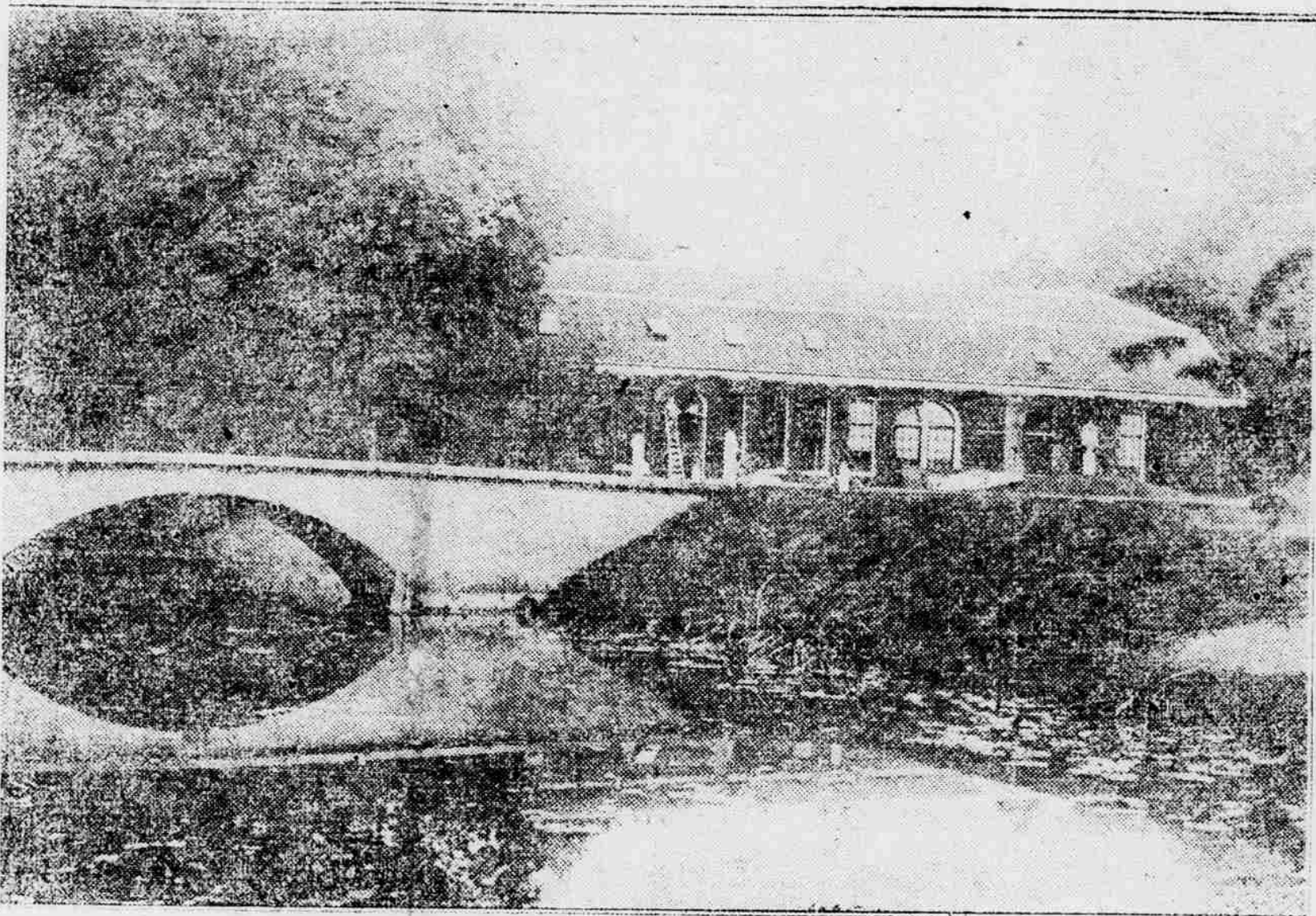
"Under the old system a kind-hearted warden is engaged in making healthy burglars and porch climbers of first offenders. The prison experience did a man no good and he had no conception of right and wrong, no sense of responsibility to society, when he came out. With our method it is different. As an illustration, there are 1,600 former ex-convicts and members of the Welfare League in New York city. All of them are 'making good.' Most of them are young and of the 1,600 more than 400 were in the army or navy during the war. They include former burglars (box men) and similar so-called 'slick' thieves."

"Since Thomas Mott Osborne, former warden at Sing Sing, took charge of the naval prison at Portsmouth, N. H., three years ago, he has been instrumental in returning 10,000 former inmates, men 'made over' in character, to the United States navy, enough to man three battleships. The present 'crime wave' in Chicago is due to bad prison treatment and the desire of ex convicts to 'get even.' If had not been for Osborne's administration in New York prisons New York would be suffering from the same evil."

SAYS WOMAN KILLED J. STANLEY BROWN

By the Associated Press.
Chicago, Dec. 30.—Cecil Beatrice Vester, for whose arrest on a charge of having murdered J. Stanley Brown at Mount Clemens Mich., a warrant was taken out yesterday, has been located and will be surrendered to Mount Clemens authorities the Herald and Examiner announced today. The newspaper recently solved two murder mysteries.
Mrs. Vester admitted knowing Brown, according to the newspaper, and recently attended two parties at his home. She said that Brown never paid any attention to her, she said. Brown was killed a week ago.

KAISER MOVES TO HIS NEW HOME IN HOLLAND



The ex-Kaiser has acquired the ancient House of Doorn in Holland. The erstwhile Emperor has already moved many of his belongings and effects to Doorn and workmen have started to build a ten foot wall around the property to shield Bill from the gaze of the curious.

THREE ALONE ARE GIVE GRAND JURY WOMAN KILLED, SAVED FROM STEAMER EVIDENCE IN LEAK CASE SOLDIER IS INJURED

By the Associated Press.
St. Johns, N. P., Dec. 30.—Three men were rescued today from the wreck of the Belgian steamer Anton von Drail, which struck on a rock in St. Mary's Bay at midnight Sunday. They are the only survivors of the crew of 29. All are frightfully frost bitten from exposure on the bridge, which was the only part of the vessel above water.

WOMEN ARE NAMED ON COMMITTEE

By the Associated Press.
Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 30.—The Republican state committee which yesterday called a meeting for Chattanooga, appointed the first woman's executive committee ever named in Tennessee.
According to the last census there are almost as many women of voting ages as women. Two women will be members of each district.
Party headquarters will be opened here early next month.

MAY DELAY DRIVE UNTIL EARLY APRIL

By the Associated Press.
Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 30.—Managers of the Southern Presbyterian campaign to raise \$12,000,000 to be used in church activities within the next two years met here today to perfect final plans for the drive. A proposal that the beginning of the drive be changed to coincide with the inter-church campaign early in April was under discussion.

GEN. BARRY DEAD

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 30.—Maj. Gen. Thomas H. Barry, retired former commander of the central department and the department of the east, died at the Walter Reid hospital at 2:45 today after an illness of three weeks. The body will be sent to New York for burial.

REWARD OFFERED FOR GOOD PROOF

By the Associated Press.
Chicago, Dec. 30.—Charles A. Comiskey, president of the Chicago American Baseball League baseball club, today reiterated his offer for direct information proving the dishonesty of any members of his team that White Sox players in collusion with a St. Louis gambling syndicate "threw" games during the 1919 season and during the world series.

At the conclusion if a secret conference of officials of the team, at which two members appeared, it was announced that no evidence had been produced.

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 30.—Evidence gathered by the department of justice relative to the alleged leak of decisions of the supreme court will be submitted to a federal grand jury early in January, department of justice officials announced today.
The government's case is practically complete officials said. The nature of the evidence was not disclosed, except that officials said the evidence was conclusive.

WOOD QUARTERS IN CHICAGO SET UP

By the Associated Press.
Chicago, Dec. 30.—Headquarters of the organization promoting the candidacy of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood for the Republican nomination for president today was established at the Congress hotel. William C. Chandler is in charge.

MR. BOLICK ATTENDS CAPITAL RECEPTION

Mr. Loy Bolick has returned from a visit to Washington where he was a guest of Dr and Mrs. Clarence J. Owens, who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary with a reception in the Red Room of the New Willard. The guests numbered 150 persons and included diplomats and representatives of social and official Washington. Gen. Julian S. Carr of Durham was also present from North Carolina. Dr. Owens is director-general of the Southern Commercial Congress and president of the Southern States' conventions with the Japanese, Spanish, Italian and other foreign diplomats.

FOURTEEN THOUSAND KILLED IN MOSCOW

By the Associated Press.
Berne, Dec. 30.—Fourteen thousand persons were shot by the bolsheviks of Russia during the first three months of 1919 by order of the extraordinary committee of Moscow, according to a dispatch received here.

NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 30.—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 18 to 70 points in response to very firm Liverpool cables, Liverpool buying and covering. Sentiment seemed to be unsettled over the money situation and prices eased off after the call under scattering liquidation. Commission house shorts were buyers of January, however, while houses with foreign trade connections bought August and some of the later months and the market soon firmed up again to about 20 to 30 points above last night's closing.

By the Associated Press.
Louisville, Ky., Dec. 30.—Mrs. William E. Lynch was shot and almost instantly killed and Private Earl Hagar of the first division was probably fatally wounded during a fight between a negro and a soldier that started on a street car last night near Camp Zachary Taylor.
After he had been reprimanded for cursing in the presence of women passengers, a negro drew a revolver and shot Private Hagar. A fight ensued in which the negro jumped from the car and ran three miles to Louisville, closely followed by soldiers.
As he ran Mrs. Lynch got between him and his pursuers and fell down with a bullet wound in her breast. Before arrested J. L. Hudson on a charge of killing Mrs. Lynch.
Hudson said he appeared on his porch and shot at the negro as he passed. He does not believe, he said, that he shot the woman. The negro escaped.

PAGE RETURNS FOR HONOR INVESTIGATION

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 30.—Because of the controversy over naval decorations, Chairman Page of the senate naval committee curtailed his vacation and returned today to Washington to confer with other senators as to the advisability of an investigation of the matter. Meanwhile he will study the Knight board's report and other matters which Secretary Daniels submitted by request.

BARN IS BURNED

The barn of Mr. Tom Frazier, who lives below Conover, was destroyed by fire late yesterday afternoon, and all the contents were burned. Mr. Frazier was plowing in the field at the time. It is not known how the fire started. There was no insurance on the barn or contents.

STOREKEEPER IS MURDERED MONEY

By the Associated Press.
Hendersonville, N. C., Dec. 30.—William Erwin, a merchant at Etowah, N. C., was called from his home by unidentified persons last night and killed, his body being concealed under a pile of brush near his home. Robbery is believed to have been the motive.
Erwin recently sold a valuable farm and was said to have had a large fund of money in his possession, but it has not yet been determined whether his money was stolen.

GABRIEL MURDER DELIBERATELY PLANNED

Officers from three counties yesterday traced John W. Gabriel at Terrell yesterday morning to Cornelius, near the Fredell-Mecklenburg line, where the scene was lost. Bloodhounds from Charlotte were put on the trail, but Sheriff Isenhower returned to Newton last night in the belief that Holslaw, who has been in California, is making his way west again.

The murder was one of the most cold-blooded ever reported in this section. Holslaw evidently had arranged every detail. He rode his horse to the store at Terrell, waited for Gabriel to come outside and as the man was starting his car, shot him dead.

Then Holslaw rode off on his horse, which he abandoned at the river, crossed in a canoe, and gained over two hours' start on the officers. Sheriff Isenhower and a posse of 100 men, assisted by Fredell officers and two bloodhounds from Mecklenburg county, began the chase, but in vain. It is believed that Holslaw caught an automobile and thus left no scent for dogs to follow.

Sheriff Isenhower today returned to the section where the killing occurred in the hope that Holslaw is remaining around his father's home. Jealousy is believed to have been the cause of the shooting. It was reported that Holslaw had declared that Gabriel was too friendly with a girl friend of his and that Holslaw would get him. Gabriel dealt in chickens and produce, which he gathered up through the country and sold at stores. He was well known in Hickory, where he was highly regarded.

ADMIRAL PILLSBURY DIES AT CAPITAL

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 30.—Rear Admiral John E. Pillsbury, retired, dropped dead at his home here today.

Admiral Pillsbury was born in Massachusetts in 1846 and received a presidential appointment to the naval academy in 1862. He was retired for age with a 25 years' service credit in 1898. During the Spanish war, Admiral Pillsbury commanded the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius.

RECEPTION TONIGHT
The reception at the First Methodist church this afternoon and tonight promises to be an event in the lives of the members, their friends and Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Goodie, who observe their 19th wedding anniversary today. All members and friends of the church are invited to be present. The reception will be held in the annex from 7 to 10 o'clock.

MAY RATIFY TREATY EARLY IN JANUARY

By the Associated Press.
Paris, Dec. 30.—Hope has again been raised in supreme council circles of an early exchange of ratification of the treaty of Versailles. The first week in January is expected to be the date.

Thirty-one members have been enlisted for the cavalry platoon and it is expected that the full quota of 35 men will be obtained before the end of the year. Mr. Robert Benfield is assisting Capt. Bowman in the securing of recruits. This is a real opportunity for young men who want to enlist in the cavalry.

STOREKEEPER IS MURDERED MONEY AS OPPOSING SECTION

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 30.—Organized railway workers have placed themselves on record as opposed to legislation designed to prevent strikes of employees and a favor of government control for at least two years. At a conference called by Samuel Gompers and attended by heads of the big four brotherhoods and shopmen's organizations associated with the federation, the Cummins and such bills were the chief topics of consideration.